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**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Exelon doubts EPA will order removal of West Lake radioactive waste** - 8/31/14 - Construction has been almost nonstop at the smoldering Bridgeton Landfill this year, with workers laboring even during a frigid January to build the treatment plants and filtering systems that keep the worst of the odors at bay. [http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/exelon-pulled-into-west-lake-problems/article\\_f69d6f01-4399-54ef-85a5-2287c1258cb1.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/exelon-pulled-into-west-lake-problems/article_f69d6f01-4399-54ef-85a5-2287c1258cb1.html)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Republic Services struggles to gain trust as it deals with landfill headache** - 8/31/14 - Buying Allied Waste in 2008 brought Republic Services to the St. Louis area. The acquisition also made it the owner of an infamous landfill. [http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/republic-services-struggles-to-gain-trust-as-it-deals-with/article\\_f65f141d-95f1-5b94-81d0-69d707bed440.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/republic-services-struggles-to-gain-trust-as-it-deals-with/article_f65f141d-95f1-5b94-81d0-69d707bed440.html)

**Missouri Ruralist - Iowa Soybean Growers Showcase Environmental Programs** - 9/1/14 - Speaking at the Farm Progress Show was Karl Brooks, administrator of Region 7 for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, along with other presenters and panelists. Brooks said this show is the perfect place to be talking about water quality, agricultural innovation and cutting nutrient pollution. <http://farmprogress.com/story-iowa-soybean-growers-showcase-environmental-programs-9-117092-printversion>

**The News Leader, Springfield, Mo. - Springfield's planned sewer upgrades: \$200 million more** - 8/30/14 - What it is: The amount Springfield officials have proposed spending, over the course of 10 years, to improve the city's aging sanitary sewer system and prevent sewage from overflowing into area waterways. The plan, which still must be approved by City Council, is expected to be submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in late December. <http://www.news-leader.com/story/news/watchdog/2014/08/30/springfields-planned-sewer-upgrades-million/14877999/>

**Topeka Capital-Journal (Kan.) - Auburn-Washburn's energy program leads to big savings** - 9/2/14 - The simplicity of turning off lights, unplugging computers and appliances and maintaining consistent room temperatures has gone a long way in helping Auburn-Washburn Unified School District 437 save on energy costs. <http://cjonline.com/news/2014-09-01/auburn-washburns-energy-program-leads-big-savings>

**South CountyMail (St. Louis) - Opinion: Who Is The Power Behind The Opposition To Wind and Solar In Missouri?** - 9/1/14 - Who is working behind the scenes to shut down the Missouri Department of Natural Resources offices and laboratories so that the possibility of them ever doing the testing no longer exists? Who exerts that kind of control? [http://southcountymail.com/opinion/who-is-the-power-behind-the-opposition-to-wind-and/article\\_43ece588-323f-11e4-83ab-0019bb2963f4.html](http://southcountymail.com/opinion/who-is-the-power-behind-the-opposition-to-wind-and/article_43ece588-323f-11e4-83ab-0019bb2963f4.html)

**Associated Press - Missouri River sandbars will be cleared of plants** - 9/1/14 - Workers will soon begin spraying herbicides on sandbars in the Missouri River to clear vegetation, so least terns and piping plovers can build nests. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says the spraying work will begin after Labor Day on sandbars between Pickstown, South Dakota, and Ponca. [http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/missouri-river-sandbars-will-be-cleared-of-plants/article\\_0d30cd6c-ccd9-5e89-8039-94939b718c39.html](http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/missouri-river-sandbars-will-be-cleared-of-plants/article_0d30cd6c-ccd9-5e89-8039-94939b718c39.html)

**Huffington Post - Utility-Sponsored Teacher Training At Mizzou Brings Climate Skepticism And Anti-EPA Message** - 8/28/2014 - Public high school teachers in Missouri were recently treated to a utility-sponsored seminar on energy, where they learned that fossil fuels are king and man-made climate change may not be real. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/08/28/climate-change-teacher-training\\_n\\_5709357.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/08/28/climate-change-teacher-training_n_5709357.html)

**National Hog Farmer - Is the EPA Really the Enemy of Agriculture?** - 8/29/14 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been a main topic of discussion in agricultural circles this week as the debate over the proposed Waters of the U.S. Rule continues to rage. <http://nationalhogfarmer.com/environment/epa-really-enemy-agriculture>

**Topeka Capital-Journal (Kan.) - KCC to host Kansas Energy Expo at state fair** - 8/31/14 - A state agency known more for presiding over electric rate cases than teaching the public will show a different side at the Kansas State Fair this year. <http://cjonline.com/news/business/2014-08-31/kcc-host-kansas-energy-expo-state-fair>

**Missouri Ruralist - Midwestern Governors Make the Case for Better Mississippi River Navigation** - 8/29/14 - The governors of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin have made their case to President Obama to increase investments on the Mississippi River that will improve navigation, relieve congestion among other methods of transportation, and ensure benefits from the Panama Canal expansion. <http://farmprogress.com/story-midwestern-governors-make-case-better-mississippi-river-navigation-8-116996>

**Lexology - EPA reinforces standards to use "representative data" after Sierra Club** - 9/1/14 - It would be reasonable for state permitting authorities and industry stakeholders who are considering their needs in applying for a PSD permit to conclude that Sierra Club and the EPA guidance stemming from it have not altered the ability to use representative data from an existing offsite monitor to satisfy the preconstruction data-gathering requirements associated with PSD permitting. <http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=272a82f6-eeef-402d-8434-ff6028af6bd6>

**AgWeb - EPA Hopes to Clarify Clean Water Proposal** - 8/31/14 - Tom Reynolds, EPA associate administrator of external affairs, says the latest concern has been over maps that use data developed by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Fish & Wildlife Service and show locations and flow patterns of many of the nation's waterways. In the statement below, Reynolds attempts to put some of those concerns to rest. [http://www.agweb.com/article/epa\\_hopes\\_to\\_clarify\\_clean\\_water\\_proposal\\_NAA\\_Ben\\_Potter/](http://www.agweb.com/article/epa_hopes_to_clarify_clean_water_proposal_NAA_Ben_Potter/)

**Nature World News - A Water Watergate? Critics Claim EPA Power Grab** - 8/30/14 - Farmers and private land owners are getting pretty nervous about maps recently released to the public by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Critics of the Clean Water Act are concerned that the EPA will use the existence of intermittent waterways to expand its influence and control across states. EPA officials flatly deny this, saying that the public is being misled. <http://www.natureworldnews.com/articles/8804/20140830/water-watergate-critics-claim-epa-power-grab.htm>